

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 19 has been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 11-13, and 16-18 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101:

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. At least for the reasons herein, the rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0193688 to Namikata ("Namikata"). The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWED CLAIMS:

Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 11-13, and 16-18 are allowed over the prior art of record.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.116:

37 CFR 1.116 sets forth, inter alia, conditions under which an amendment after a final action may be entered. 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1) and (2) state that “[a]n amendment may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action” and that “[a]n amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted.” Accordingly, entry of this Amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

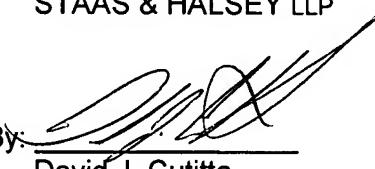
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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